THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (d) Yes sir.

(e) Irrigation being a state subject, the irrigation projects are investigated, planned, formulated, executed and funded by the State Governments themselves out of their own resources and as per their own priorities. Concerned with the delay in completion of the irrigation projects mainly due to the resource crunch being faced by the states, the Central Government launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in 1996-97 to provide Central Loan Assistance (CLA) to such major/medium ongoing irrigation projects which are in advanced stage of construction and are beyond the resources capability of the States. Under the programme, CLA/Grant of Rs. 19437.8837 crore has been provided upto March, 2006 for completion of major, medium and minor irrigation projects. 11th Five Year Plan is not formulated so far.

Schemes to meet the demand of water

2723. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts are underway in the Ministry to cope with the increasing demand of water in future; and

(b) if so, the details of the schemes which are already in existence in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development Plan in its report has projected the estimates of total annual water requirements for various scenarios. The estimated water requirements for the year 2010, 2025 and 2050 are 710 BCM, 843 BCM and 1180 BCM respectively.

Several measures for developemnt and management of water resources are undertaken by the respective State Governments which include creation of storages, restoration of water bodies, rain water harvesting, artificial recharge to ground water and adoption of better management practices etc. State Governments conceive plan and implement major, medium and minor schemes, both surface and ground water for utilization of water resources. Storage capacity of about 213 BCM has been created so far. As per present assessment, the total estimated storage capacity of the various projects under construction is about 76 BCM. Further, the State

Governments have identified various other schemes for investigation and planning and the estimated storage for such schemes is about 108 BCM. Government of India is providing Central assistance to the State Governments through various schemes/programmes, such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP); Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWM) Programme; National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture etc. The Government of India also encourages rainwater harvesting and recharge to groundwater for conservation of water.

The Ministry of Water Resources has also formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for water resources development envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basin to deficit basins/area.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I lay on the Table

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification F.No. 142/09/2006-TPL, dated the 30th June, 2006, with respect to Order issued providing capital gain arising from transfer of long term capital asset under section 119(2)(c) of the Income-tax Act 1961, under section 296 read with sub-section (2) (c) of section 119 of the said Act.[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 4635/06]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 296 of the Income-tax Act, 1961, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:

(1) S.O. 1163 (E), dated the 24th July, 2006, publishing the Income-tax (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2006.

(2) S.O. 1176 (E), dated the 25th July, 2006, publishing the Income-tax (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2006.[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 4351/06]

(3) S.O. 1220 (E), dated the 28th July 2006, publishing the Bank Term Deposit Scheme, 2006. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 4635/06]